

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota is blessed with a multitude of families – an essential part of the cultural, social, and spiritual fabric that is South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities; and,

*Whereas*, Everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and of course, families themselves; and,

*Whereas*, During Thanksgiving week we all should take time to honor the importance of families, and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round; and,

*Whereas*, The 2003 National Family Week theme is, "Connections Count", and we should all recommit to enhancing and extending all the connections that strengthen and enrich families; and,

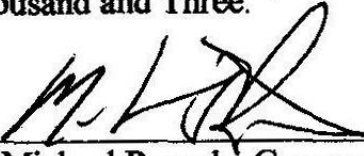
*Whereas*, With the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations such as the South Dakota Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), we can help families of all shapes and sizes create a better future for all of South Dakota:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 23-29, 2003, as

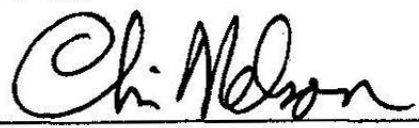
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in South Dakota, and I commit this observance to all the people in this state.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State